



LAKE ERIE N-SCALE SOCIETY

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Years

...of Modular Model Railroading,
Promoting N Scale Standards,
Starting with **NTRAK** in 1973!

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Welcome! LENS is a group of people with a common interest in modeling N scale railroads using NTRAK and TTRAK modules. Any time we meet and/or display our work and promote this hobby, we would love to have you join us. This means that **ALL** of us have chances to participate in the hobby by helping with any or all of the following:

- Setting up / tearing down
- Running trains
- Sharing your knowledge
- Learning something new
- Answering questions
- Hosting a meeting

Notice that NONE of the above requires a module. We need your help... so bring yourself, your enthusiasm, your interest and your trains.

Thanks in advance for helping! Hopefully, we will continue to see you at the meetings and display events.
Come and join in the fun!

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For information or questions regarding our Society, please visit our website by scanning the QR code or visit us at

LENSOhio.org



Thompson Library and Nets

November gave us three opportunities to go out and show off to the public. Our first chance was the first weekend of the month where we set up with NTRAK at the Thompson library. Set up went very well and trains ran smoothly because of that. Around 60 people came in to look at our display. This was also the first show for our newest member Bob H.!



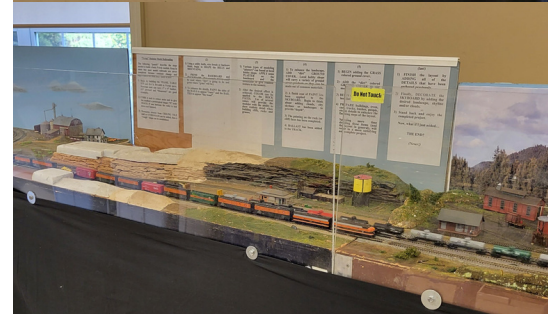
TTRAK was up next at the same location. Set up wasn't as smooth due to a new module that was out of spec with the national standard. This was remedied though by having some extra 1" segments to make it work. Over the 2 days we had an outstanding 97 visitors! Probably the highest amount L.E.N.S. has had when displaying at the library.



Members were also out at the NETS show in Highland Hts. displaying the clubs NTRAK linear layout. Attendance was small but still a valuable event for the club to be seen and also make some money. The linear display earned the club \$50 for participation which will help with future necessities.



Now that these shows are in the bag it is time to start preparing for Railfest 2024. The club is still in need of a layout coordinator and will be looking for modules to participate. More of this will be discussed at upcoming meetings.



Mudd Creek Models

By Dave N.

You all know my favorite part of model railroading is building structures. A new supplier has emerged, MuddCreekModels.com, I met them at the recent Pennsylvania N Scale Weekend at Altoona, Pa. They are from Long Island, New York and in their second



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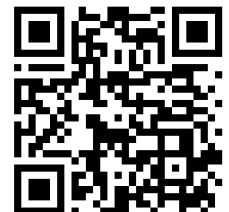


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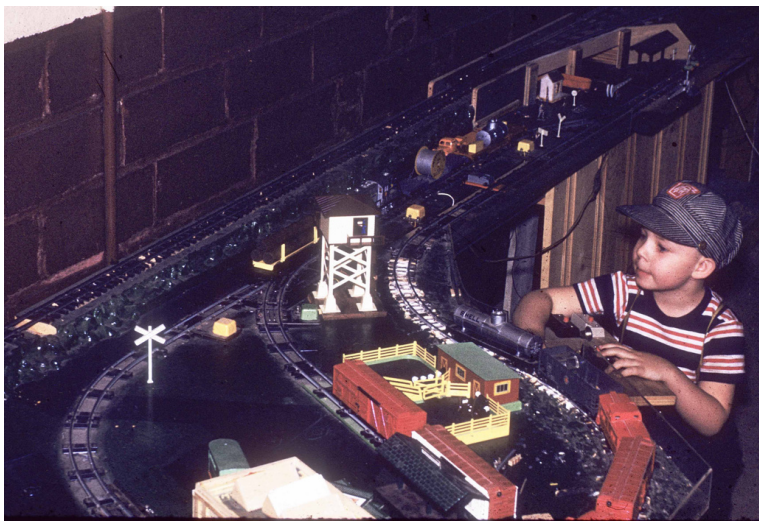
year of business with both N and HO structures. Their N scale kits are largely New-England themed, and most are priced \$40-80. I purchased three that are a little more generic to Appalachia to fit my C&O layout and have started building the first one, which is the easiest. The quality of the cuts, the plywood employed, and the instructions are top-notch. Mudd Creek also produces a variety of detailed parts produced by 3D printing. Here are images of the kits I purchased.

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Welcome Our New Member

For those of you who may not know, L.E.N.S. has a new member! He signed up to join back in June at Railroads in the Park, but due to a mix up, his info was lost for a short period. Thankfully, Matt K. found it and reached out to invite him to our October meeting. He has also participated at our displays at the Thompson Library and at the NETS show in Highland Hts. So if you happen to see a man with a white beard and baseball hat that would be Bob H.! Not to be confused with Bob G. who also wears a hat and has a white beard. Bob H. wears glasses as well, Bob G. might, but I haven't seen him do so. If you happen to meet new Bob be sure to say hello and welcome him to our group! Bob H. has also graciously written an introductory piece for those who may not have had the pleasure of meeting him. Please read so that you get a chance to know him a little better.



YOUNGER BOB WITH HIS S GAUGE LAYOUT

I'm the new Bob in the group, Bob H. I have been a model railroader for over 70 years, starting with S gauge American Flyer, my sister and Dad worked on the layout in our basement in Cleveland Heights.

The train was torn out in 1960 to make space for drawing boards since my sister (5 years older) was going to the Cleveland Institute of Art. I needed a drawing board as well since I was also interested in taking art classes at the Cleveland Museum of Art and I graduated from the CIA, class of 1970, with a major in Industrial Design and a minor in jewelry and metalsmithing.

While in elementary school I began a collection of toy soldiers which now includes just under 1,000 1/32 W. Britain metal toy soldiers. As a result I was interested in the American Civil War and started planning a Civil War layout in HO gauge. Sadly, the miniatures for that did not exist at that point in time. So, I became interested in modeling the logging and sawmills of Pennsylvania. That layout went along the 25 foot basement wall of our house in Wickliffe which we moved into in 1974. It had a sad ending, with never being completed and dismantled when waterproofing our basement in 2000.

By that time I had spent seventeen years working at Allen-Bradley and then went to Picker International where I began working in the M.R.I. division. Here I got to know a fellow employee who was in a group of wargamers. He invited me to come and try historical wargaming. Which became my main hobby.



BOB'S COLLECTION OF TOY SOLDIERS

Model railroading, however was lurking in the background. After a number of other scales. 10mm wargaming miniatures, which are N gauge, became available in 1998-99. I began modeling and gaming different historical periods combining my love for paper sculptures and constructing paper kits. Needing a railroad for a Civil War battle resulted in me purchasing some N scale locomotives. Bringing me back to model railroading and an interest in N gauge.

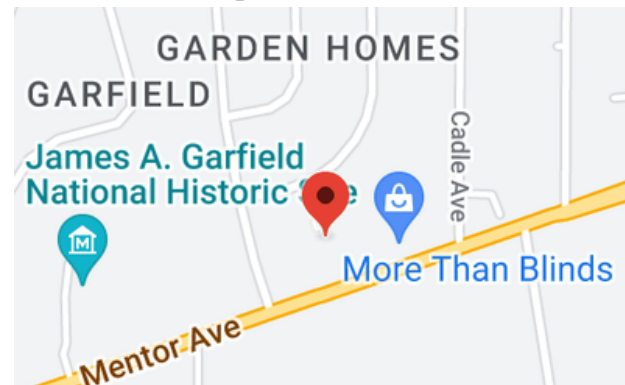
-Bob

November Meeting

L.E.N.S monthly meeting, held the 4th Sunday of the month, will be held at the Mentor Public Library November 26th at 2pm. The meeting will take place in the Garfield room. Zoom capabilities are available for those who wish to attend virtually. Light refreshment is allowed as well, so if you would like to bring something to share feel free to. We will be discussing recent shows, Railfest, and there will be a clinic by Cody C. on weathering with powders and paints. Also, if you have something you would like to bring and show off please do! **Hope to see you at the meeting!**



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